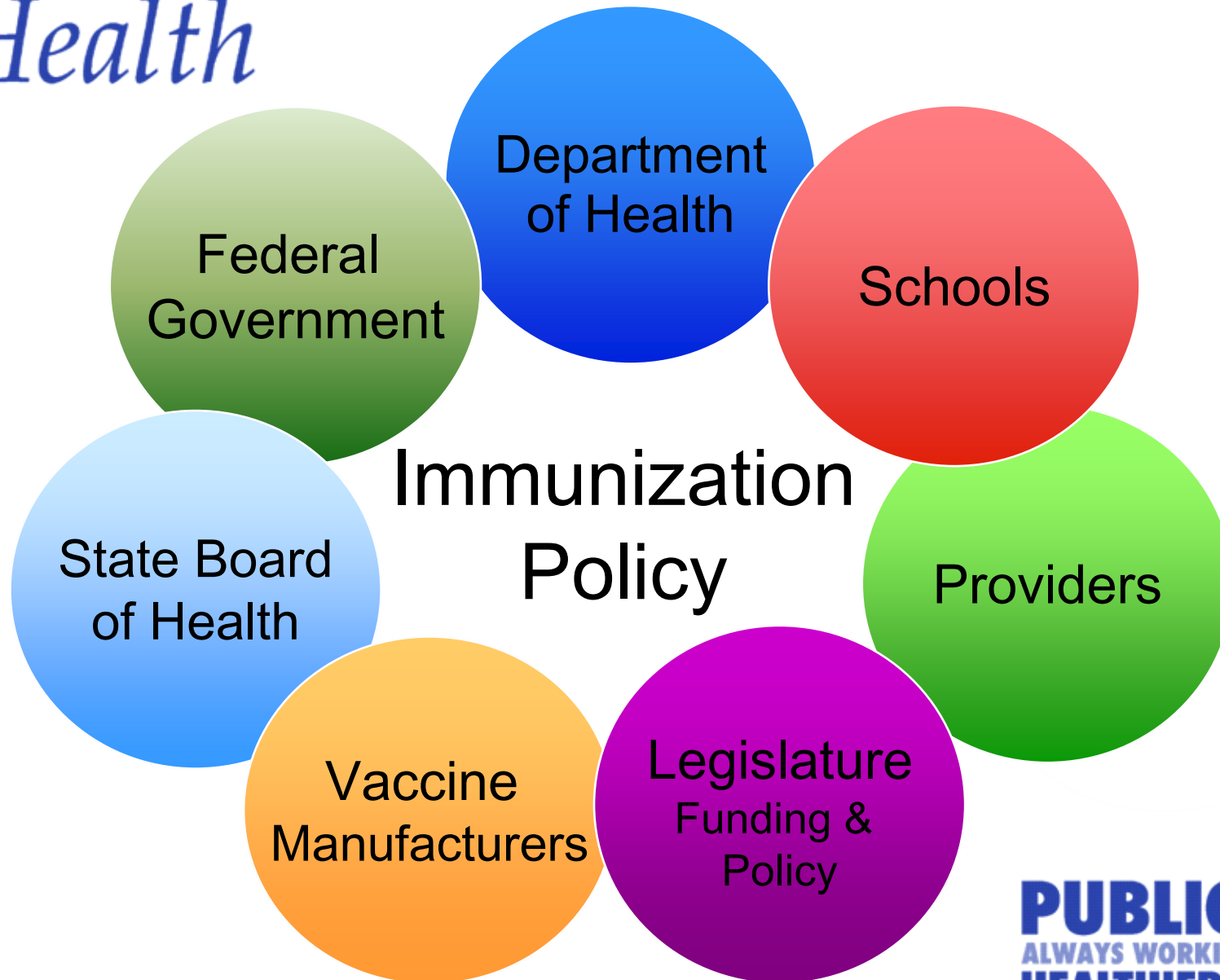


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Mandating Varicella for School and Child Care
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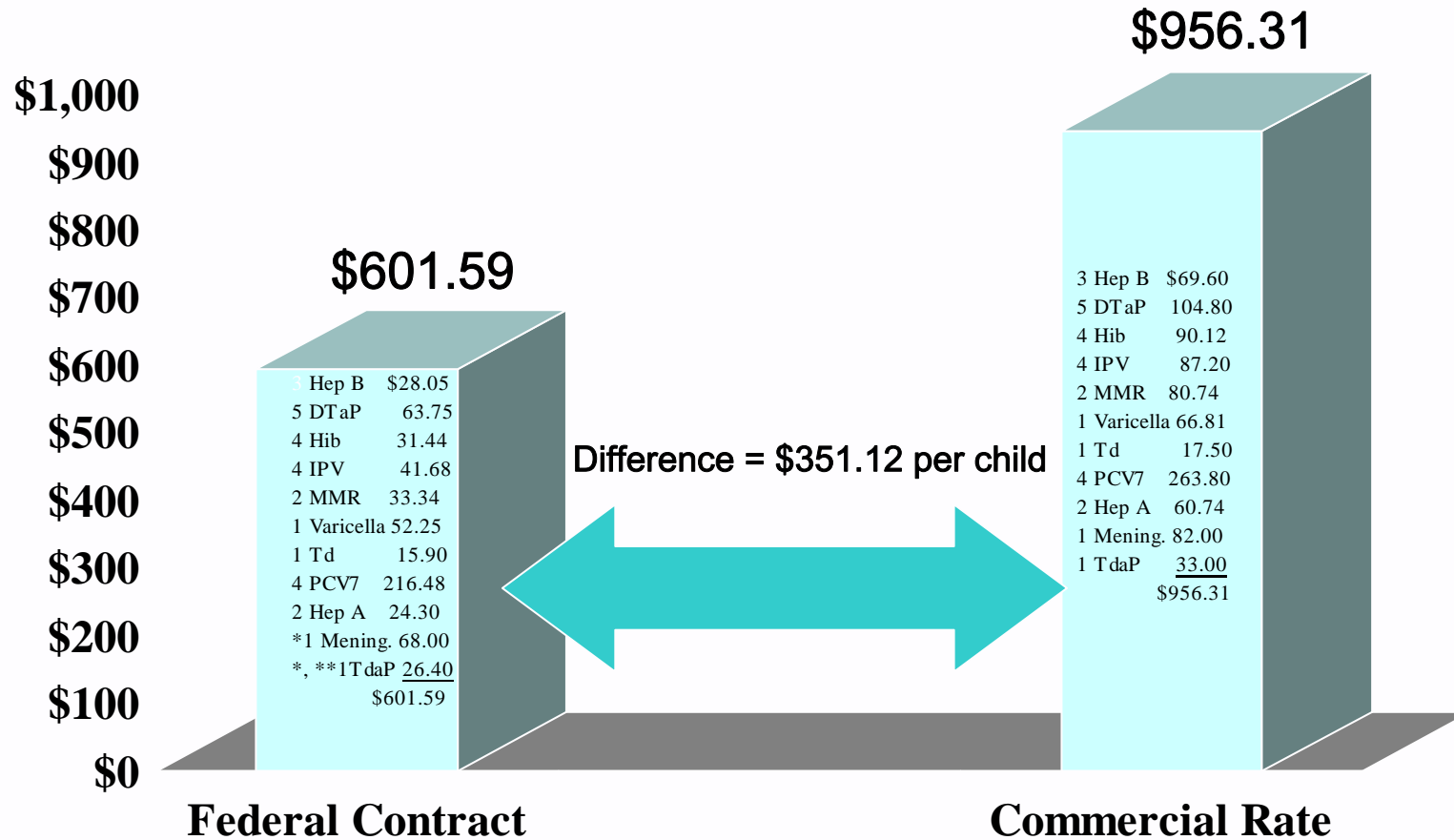


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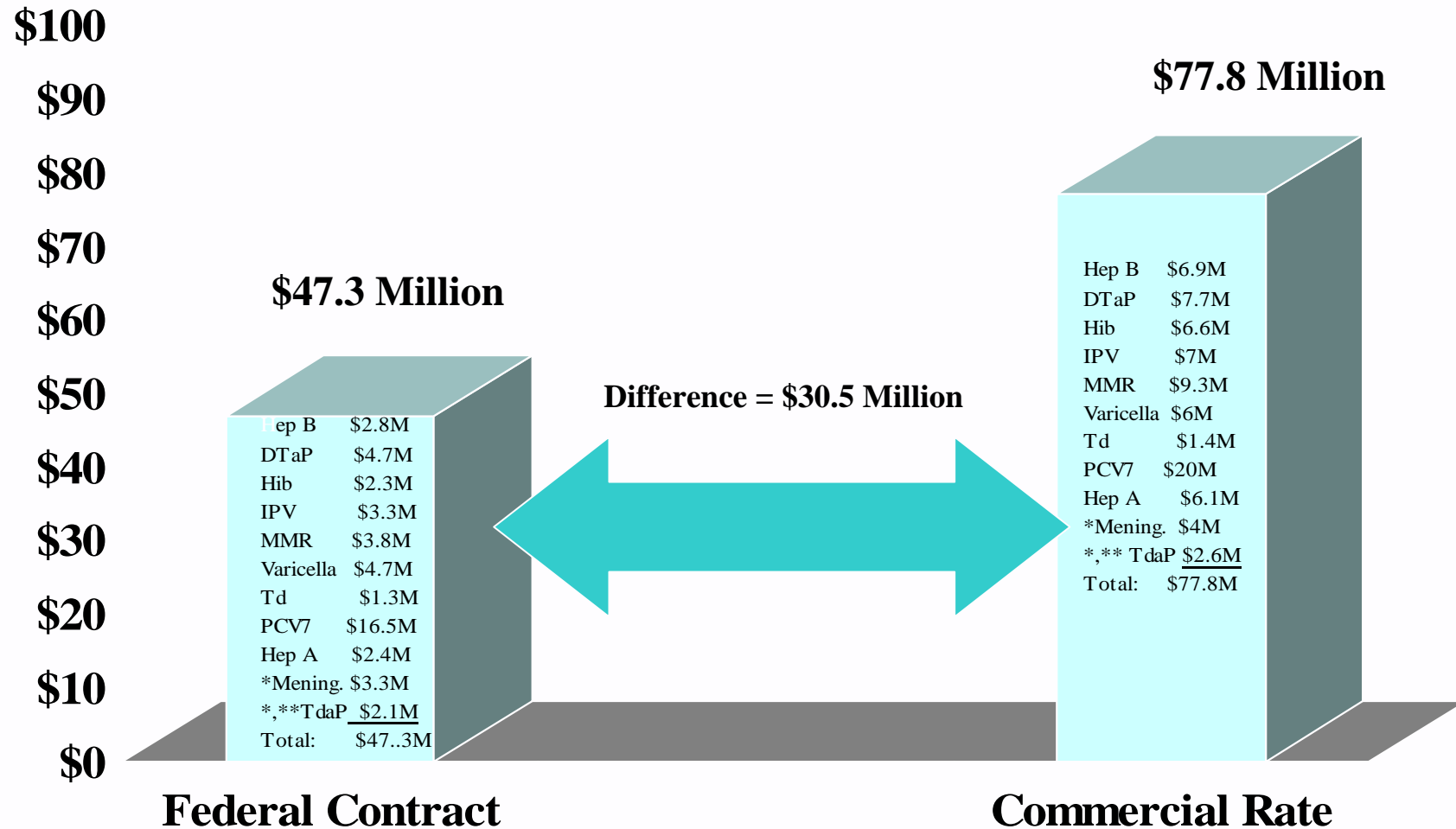
- Examining the value of universal distribution policy
- Public Health value of vaccines

Cost to Fully Immunize a Child

Federal Contract vs. Commercial



Annual Health System Costs In Washington State for Childhood Vaccines Federal Contract vs. Commercial Rate



Varicella ("Chickenpox")

- DISEASE
 - Highly contagious
 - Respiratory transmission
 - Communicability - 5-7 days
 - Risk of complications increases with age
 - Congenital varicella syndrome
 - Can lead to severe skin infection, scars, pneumonia, brain damage or death
 - Latent virus is cause of shingles later in life

Public Health Impact

- HOSPITALIZATIONS
 - 12,000 per year in United States
- DEATHS
 - 100 per year in United States
- DOH COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS concludes that the benefit of requiring varicella exceeds the cost

Vaccine is Effective

- Before availability of vaccine – disease was regularly occurring
 - Estimated to be 4,000,000 cases /year in US
 - Varicella is not reportable in Washington State
- After availability of vaccine – studies in other states have shown vaccine is effective in reducing incident rates

SBOH Revision of WAC 246-100-166

Section 2

- requires varicella for children under thirteen years of age for child care and school entry
- effective July 2006

Section 8 –implementation guidelines

- DOH to develop implementation guidelines, including requirements by grade level and when vaccine is not indicated
- DOH may waive or modify rule requirements with the approval of the SBOH
- effective upon adoption of rule changes

RULE REVISION PROCESS

- Filed CR 101 in January 2005
- SBOH updated on May 11, 2005
- CR 102 sent to interested parties June 8, 2005 for public comment
 - DOH
 - Local Health Jurisdictions
 - State and local school health organizations
 - Child programs of other state agencies
 - State medical organizations

Issues Raised During May Hearing

- DOH and SBOH staff working with OSPI to raise implementation issues
- Access issues related to storage and handling of vaccine

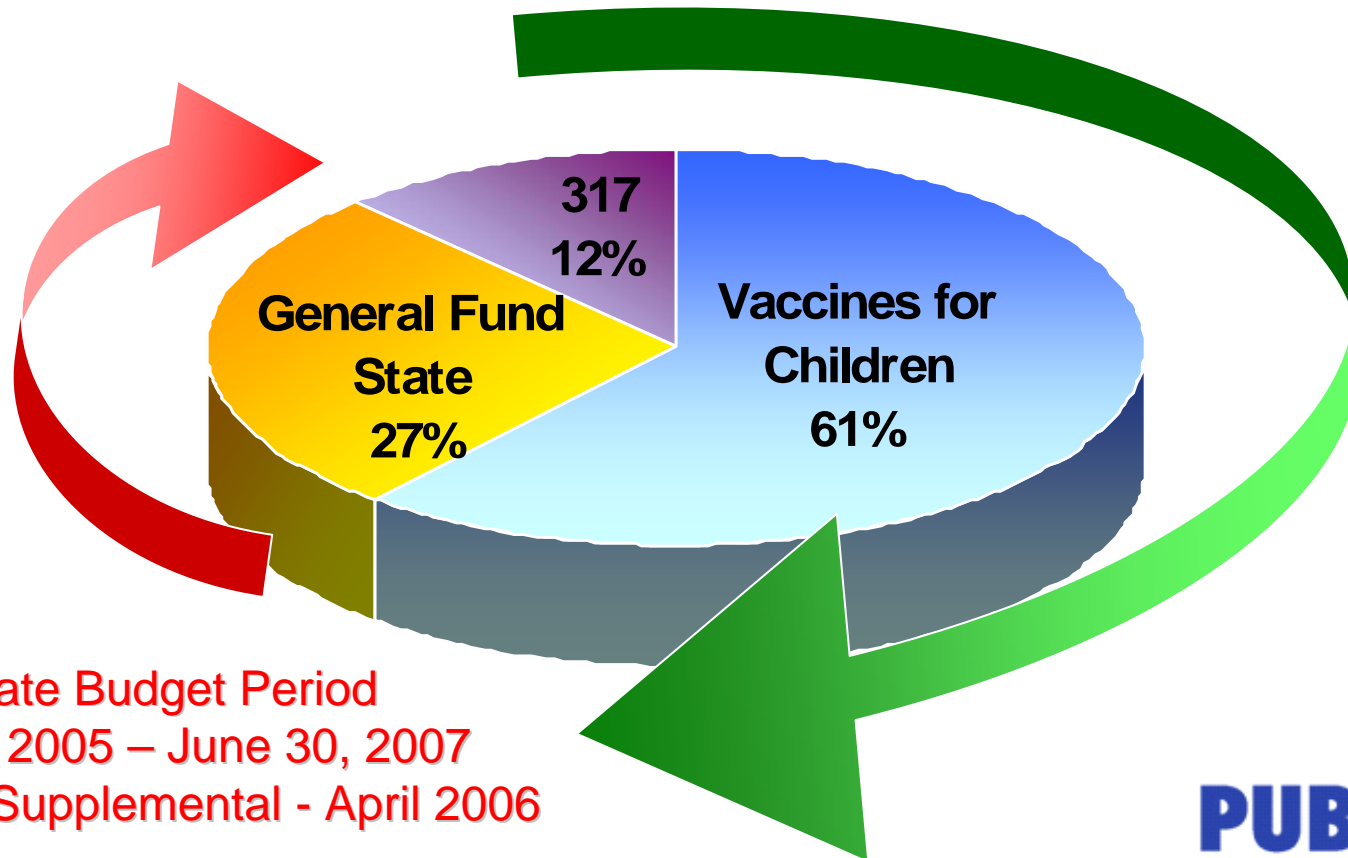
Comment Review

Recommended Implementation Plan

- Kindergarten entry after July 1, 2006
- 6th grade entry after July 1, 2006
- All children 19 months and older who attend licensed childcare/ preschool after July 1, 2006

Federal Budget Period
October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006
Grant Cycle
January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005
Notice of Grant Award - December 2005
Funds Received Quarterly

Vaccine Funding



State Budget Period
July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007
Notice of Supplemental - April 2006

QUESTIONS?

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